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1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF KEY Q AND A FOLLOWING SECRETARY'S MAY 1 SPEECH IN CINCINNATI.

BEGIN TEXT

QUESTION: I HOPE YOU DON'T MIND MY CHANGING THE SUBJECT SLIGHTLY.
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SECRETARY VANCE: NO, GO RIGHT AHEAD. ANY SUBJECT IS FINE.

QUESTION: I-AM FROM MISSOURI. WOULD YOU PLEASE GIVE YOUR ASSESSMENT OF THE PROSPECTS FOR PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST IN LIGHT OF THE MOST RECENT MEETINGS THERE?

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SECRETARY VANCE: YOU CERTAINLY STARTED ME OFF WITH THE HARDEST OF ALL QUESTIONS.

AT THE CURRENT POINT, THE SITUATION IN THE MIDDLE EAST IS, I WOULD SAY, IN A STALEMATE. THAT DOES NOT MEAN THAT IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO MAKE PROGRESS. I BELIEVE VERY DEEPLY

THAT IT IS POSSIBLE TO MAKE PROGRESS.

THERE ARE BASICALLY THREE FUNDAMENTAL ISSUES INVOLVED. (A) THE NEED FOR A REAL PEACE, A TRUE PEACE, IN WHICH WE WILL HAVE NOT ONLY THE END OF A STATE OF WAR BUT NORMAL RELATIONS BETWEEN THE NATIONS OF ALL THE COUNTRIES OF THAT REGION.

SECONDLY, IT IS NECESSARY TO SOLVE THE PROBLEM OF WITH-DRAWAL FROM TERRITORIES OCCUPIED IN THE 1967 WAR, WHILE AT THE SAME TIME PROTECTING THE SECURITY OF THE STATE OF ISRAEL. -

THIRDLY, IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT THE PALESTINIAN QUESTION BE RESOLVED IN ALL OF ITS ASPECTS.

THESE ARE ALL VERY DIFFICULT PROBLEMS. THEIR ROOTS ARE DEEP. THEY HAVE BEEN PROBLEMS WHICH THE COUNTRIES OF THAT REGION HAVE BEEN WRESTLING WITH FOR A LONG TIME. BUT I UNCLASSIFIED

THINK SOME PROGRESS HAS BEEN MADE. IF ONE LOOKS BACK A YEAR AGO, IT WASN'T EVEN POSSIBLE TO CONCEIVE THAT PEOPLE WOULD START TALKING TO EACH OTHER ABOUT HOW TO SIT DOWN TOGETHER AND SOLVE THESE QUESTIONS. NOW AT LEAST WE HAVE SOME OF THE NATIONS TALKING TO EACH OTHER.

INSOFAR AS THE UNITED STATES IS CONCERNED, THE UNITED STATES HAS A DEEP INTEREST IN SEEING THIS PROBLEM RESOLVED, AND WE HAVE AND WILL CONTINUE TO PUT THIS AT THE TOP OF OUR AGENDA IN TERMS OF PROBLEMS IN THE FOREIGN POLICY FIELD WHERE WE MUST TRY TO HELP.

I THINK THAT THE PARTIES ON BOTH SIDES DO HAVE CONFIDENCE AND TRUST IN THE UNITED STATES. I THINK WE CAN ACT AS A CATALYST IN BRINGING THE PARTIES TOGETHER. SOMETIMES OUR ROLE MUST BE ONE OF IN EFFECT CARRYING MESSAGES BETWEEN THE TWO. AND OTHER TIMES, WHEN THE DIALOGUE BECOMES STALE-MATED, THEN I THINK IT IS INCUMBENT UPON US TO COME FOR-WARD WITH OUR OWN SUGGESTIONS AND INITIATIVES TO TRY AND REGAIN THE MOMENTUM OF THE PEACE PROCESS.

THAT IS THE COURSE WE HAVE FOLLOWED DURING THE LAST YEAR

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AND A FEW MONTHS. THAT IS THE COURSE WE WILL CONTINUE
TO FOLLOW IN THE YEAR AHEAD, AND I THINK THAT IS THE
POLICY THAT THE PEOPLE IN THE AREA WISH TO FOLLOW. END TEXT

2. FULL TEXT OF SESSION WILL BE SENT WHEN AVAILABLE. WE
HOPE THIS PRELIMINARY INFORMATION WILL BE USEFUL TO EMBASSY.
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